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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amusements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the most

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

Perform'd by some of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Assistance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

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PROPOSALS for Printing the First Volume of the *BRITISH APOLLO* in Octavo, which is now in the Press, and will be Publish'd in *Michaelmas-Term* next, are to be had at Mr. *Clark*'s Bookseller in *Birchin-Lane*, near the *Royal-Exchange*, Mr. *Harbin*'s at the *Rose* next Door to the *Globe-Tavern* in the *Strand*, near *Charing-Cross*, and of the Printer hereof, *J. Mayo* over against *Water-Lane Fleet-Street*, or of the Men in their Walks.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. I *Pray Reconcile this to me.* 1st. *If 'tis agreed that* God Almighty *did and does know every Individual thing before-hand, with all the Circumstances of how, where, when and by what Causes it would or will come to pass,* &c.

2dly. *If 'tis acknowledged that he is Omnipotent that he can alter, prevent and change causes as he will, and to what he will.*

3dly. *That he is all goodness, that he would have every Body to do well and be Saved,* &c.

These being granted the Fall of Adam, *and his Posterity seems to me to be Inconsistent with the above Specifications. For* God Almighty *knowing before-hand as well then as now, in every particular (as it has been since Transacted) Millions of Years before ever the World was made or* Adam *Created, that such and such things would come to pass, I say,* God Almighty *knowing before-hand all this exactly as it has been Transacted that* Adam *would Sin, his Goodness, Clemency and Love (as I should think) would not have Suffer'd such things as has been to have come to pass.*

A. The Foreknowledg of God even in the utmost Extent that the Querist proposes, we think cannot without Blasphemy be denied or doubted of. And yet the granting of this as well as his Omnipotence and Goodness is very well Consistent with *Adam*'s Fall. For God Created Man a Free Agent, enduing him with a Power of acting and chusing, and moreover giving him Grace sufficient to continue in a State of Innocence. And tho' he did Foreknow that Man wou'd make a bad Use of his Liberty and fall from that State; yet he was neither with Respect to his Foreknowledg the necessary Occasion of Man's Fall; nor with Respect to his Power and Goodness was he Obliged to prevent it. It must indeed be granted, that whatever God Foresees or Foreknows, will certainly come to pass, exactly according to his Foreknowledg of it. But where is the justness of the Consequence to say that this Foreknowledg is the Reason why any Future Event shou'd be necessary? Is our Foreknowing that the Sun must Rise to Morrow, the Reason or Efficient Cause of its Rising? God Foresees Future Contingencies, or the Actions of Free Agents in the same Manner as we see Things Present: And as our looking upon the Fire is not the Cause of its Burning, so Gods Foreknowledg of Future Events does not determine them one way or other. As God therefore was not the Author of Man's Misery, so his Power and Goodness laid no Necessity upon him for preventing it; because he cou'd not have done this but either by enduing Man with Irresistible Grace, or which is almost the same Thing, by depriving him of Freedom of Will, and so putting him under a Necessity of Obedience: Both which were Inconsistent with his Wisdom and Justice.

Q. Gentlemen, *I am informed that there are in the Soul of Man three Faculties,* viz. *Understanding, Will and Memory. I desire the favor of you to give me the Definition of Will, what I am to understand by that Word, and whether the Good and Evil Actions of Man may be truely said to be acted by two distinct Wills, that is whether there are two Wills in Man. By your Satisfactory Answer you will much Oblige,*

SIRS, *Yours,* W. B.

A. The Will is that Act of the Soul, by which it is inclined to any Object that is proposed to it under the Notion of Good. This is the usual Definition

finition of Moralists and is proper enough when rightly understood. But when their Way of Speaking of the Faculties of the Soul has misled many into a Confused Notion of so many distinct Agents in the Mind, in which each of them is supposed to have a distinct Province and Authority, and to Command, Obey and Perform several Actions, as so many distinct Beings; we think this Way of Speaking shou'd not be admitted without some Explication, to prevent the Occasion that is given of Wrangling, Obscurity, and Uncertainty in Questions relating to them. Let it then be understood that the Soul does immediately by itself, without any Intervening Powers Flowing from and distinct from it, both Understand and Will. But because it acts after different Manners about one and the same Object, hence it is, that according to our Way of concieving Things, there are severnl Powers Attributed to it. When it understands and judges of a Thing it is called *Understanding*; and when it is inclined to any Object, it is called Will. If it is therefore Absurd to Attribute in a strict Sense any distinct Powers to the Soul by Reason only of its different Way of Acting the Absurdity of two distinct Wills must be sufficiently manifest.

Q. Gentlemen, *As the many Pretty Questions in your Papers, I verily believe does a great deal of good in the World, I must desire you will please to give your good Admonitions to a Young Gentleman who spends most of his Time in Private Ridiculing and Setting People one against another, nay whole Families, that hinders Relations doing one for another.*

Please to take Notice of this, and you will very much Oblige your Friends, &c.

If this won't do, we must go to right down Arresting and Cutting him.

A It is in vain to urge Principles of Religion to such Persons, since all their Actions run so Counter to those Bright Notions of *Brotherly Love*, and returning *Good for Evil*, as shews they have not the least Tast in 'em: Distant Rewards and Punishments are Matters beyond Conception, nor can any thing affect 'em, but what immediately strikes their Sense. So that if any thing Works upon 'em, it must be *Disgrace* and *Scandal*. Therefore let such consider, they at once divest themselves of all Title to Gentry, whose First Rudiments, are to be Courteous, Obliging, and to endeavor to Reconcile all Differences; for as the Perfection of Man lies in his being a Conversable Creature (the most Beautiful Effect or Reason) so he is the most Perfect, who advances Conversation to the Noblest Pitch; But they who make the Defamation of others, and Aggravation of Quarrels their Chief Business, Degenerate themselves to Brutes, by rendring themselves unfit for Society. They are Hated by all, even Secretly by those whom their Ridiculing seems to divert, for if the Treason pleases, the Traitor is always Hated: Nay the Traducing Peoples Good Names, is a Villany a degree Baser than Murther: For there may be something of Manhood in that, by risking a Resistance, but this is Rank Cowardise, to Assault a Man uncapable of defending himself: And it has always been found that Men of true Bravery, have had the highest Contempt for such Fellows. And as a Character of this Nature Brands a Man with the greatest Infamy, so this Curse attends them, that when they have got a Habit in such Vices shou'd they come once to see the loathsome Deformity of them, 'tis next to impossible to recover their Reputations; whatever Misfortunes happen to 'em, they are never Pity'd, and only their Death gives any Satisfaction to the rest of the World, when every one is ready to join, in saying, *a Good Riddance.*——Shew him his Picture herein, and if it has no Effect upon him, take what other Methods you think fit,

Q. Gentlemen, *We have been a great time Writing to you, to desire you to inform us what we must do with a Fat Big Widow, about 50 Years of Age, all Day she is Laughing and Intriguing, and all Night Sighing, Snoring and Whining, that none in the House can rest; You will do us all Service herein.*

A. It is most certain, in this World we must take one with t'other, and bear with the Evil for the Sake of the Good. The Chearfulness of your Widow's Laughing all Day, atones for her Sighing and Whining at Night: Her Intriguing abroad, compensates by her Absence, for her troublesome Company at home: But you wou'd have us cure her of all these imagin'd Maladies, and then she must be neither Merry nor Melancholy, nor go Abroad, nor stay at Home; be contented therefore with what you find in her, and let her not know a tittle of your sending this Accusation to us, lest she adds *Xantippe's* Quality to all the rest of her fine Qualifications, and you force her to keep House by her self, by her making you all fly the Fury of her Tongue: Besides, shou'd we pretend absolutely to cure her, both of Rheum and Clamour, we must first change her Sex, and that is an Operation belongs more properly to *Jupiter* than to *Apollo*.

POEMS.

Q. HIghly I shall your Oracle *affect*,
If you'll, Apollo, *in your next detect*,
What provok'd St. Dunstan *to that Evil*,
To have such a Grudge against the Devil?
Why he no other Instruments would chuse,
But a Pair of Tongs to pull him by the Nose?
Why was he so incens'd, Apollo *tell*,
That his Finger and Thumb would not do as well?
Whether the Pinch e'er spoil'd his Smelling,
And what he took to abate the Swelling?
Whether this Duel 'twixt them was contracted,
And whether on this or t'other side Styx *'twas acted*,
And which of these Mighty Heroes *first attacked?*

Pray let the Solutions be in your next, and you'll oblige your Subscriber,

Daniel Day.

A. Altho' the Myst'ry is profound, we'll show it,
Ev'n obvious to the Sense of *Doggrel Poet*:
It seems, St. *Dunstan*, in his humble Cottage,
By Kitchin Fire, sate Breakfasting on Pottage;
When in revenge, for former Pranks, *Old Nick*,
Resolv'd to spew upon him, an ill-natur'd Trick;
And blow'd his *Nose* full into his Mess,
Before he cou'd his Stomach's Cravings bless;

Now

Now Tongs, you know, in Chimnies often ſtand,
The Good Man therefore, they being near at [Hand,
Strait whips 'em up, and ſnaps him by the Noſe,
(The Chief Offender, as you may ſuppoſe)
Another Reaſon too, has ſhew of Truth,
He did not care to come too near his Mouth,
For fear the Raſcal might poiſon him to Death,
Since People think he has a ſtinking Breath ;
But that he loſt his *Smelling*, much we doubt,
Becauſe, we fear, by this, he's ſmelt you out :
As for the Swelling, he might well endure it,
A Houſleek-Poultice preſently wou'd cure it.
Who firſt attackt, our Ign'rance we confeſs, Sir,
Tho' we believe the Devil the Aggreſſor,
Becauſe he looks ſo horrid Foul and Grim,
There's no Body, ſurely, wou'd begin with Him.
To name the Place of Combate, is a hard thing,
Nor do we think it ſignifies one Farthing ;
Tho' on this ſide of *Styx*, our Reaſon ſhews,
Or elſe, which Way cou'd we have had the News.

Q. Apollo *prepare,*
I'll make you to ſtare,
For I'll put you to your Neck-Verſe,
How e'er you harangue,
You'll certainly hang,
Except you the Matter rehearſe.

And that is to tell,
(And pray do it well,
Without any Banter I charge ye)
Why the Neck-Verſe *is ſaid,*
And when it was made,
The Benefit of the Clergy ?

A. When Popery long ſince,
With Tenets of Non-ſenſe,
And Ignorance fill'd all the Land,
And *Latin* alone,
To Church-men, was known,
And the reading a legible Hand.

This Privilege then,
To Save learned Men,
Was granted 'em by Holy Church,
While Villains, whoſe Crimes,
Were leſſer nine times,
Were certainly left in the Lurch,

If a Monk had heen taken,
For ſtealing of Bacon,
For Burglary, Murder, or Rape;
If he cou'd but rehearſe,
(Well prompt) his *Neck-Verſe,*
He never cou'd fail to eſcape.

When the World grew more wiſe,
And with open Eyes,
Were able to ſee through the Miſt,
'Twas Thought's juſt to ſave,
A Laity —— Knave,
As well as a Raſcally Prieſt.

Learned APOLLO.

Q. *Wherefore are Cuckolds, Sir, ſaid to wear* [*Horns,*
Anſwer with Reaſon, not Banter nor ſcorns,
You well ſaid the Word was deriv'd from Cukoe,
Say who was the firſt Man on whoſe Head they grew,
And I ſhall be highly oblig'd, Sir, to you ?

A. If in our Firſt Volume you look, you will [find,
Why *Cuckolds* are ranked amongſt the Horn'd kind,
But ſince ſuch great Numbers contend for the [*Creſt,*
Who was the firſt *Cuckold,* we ſhall not ſuggeſt ;
Leaſt at once all their Horns, ſhou'd our Temple [ſurround,
Whoſe Rattling, our Oracle ſoon might confound.

APOLLO,

Q. *Since* Love *depends not on our Will,*
But is moſt free and unconfin'd;
How can Inconſtancy *be ill,*
When a plain Force upon the Mind?

A. All *Paſſions* may by Res'lute Minds,
Be overcome, tho' not with Eaſe,
But while our *Senſe*, our *Reaſon* blinds,
We *Sooth* and *Nurſe* the fond Diſeaſe.

An Epitaph *on* Scorpus, *a Famous Charioteer, being an Imitation of* Martial, Lib. 10. Epig. 53.

LO! *Scorpus* here, the Glorious *Scorpus* lies,
Rome's Matchleſs Darling, and the Circle's [Prize,
Whoſe Thread no longer *Lacheſis* would ſpare,
Tho' Tim'd within its Seven and twentieth *Year,*
For when the *Fate* his Num'rous Palms had told,
By proper Conſequence, ſhe judg'd him Old.

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SIR,

SIR,

THE Letters from the Imperial Camp at Rhin-Zabern, Sept. 1. advise, That they shall, according to all appearance, lie in that Camp some time longer, to observe the Army of the Enemy, which still holds it self close behind their Lines of Lautern, but they wait an Occasion to give them a Blow: That in the mean time the Parties on both Sides make continual Incursions, and ours, almost constantly get the advantage. The Drummer that was sent hence four Days ago to Lauterbourg, with 30 French Prisoners, is return'd with a like number of ours. From Gdent, Sept. 3. they write, That a strong French Party advanc'd between Aloft and Geersberg, who fell uqon the Waggons of that Place, insulting and robbing the Passengers, although they had good Passports; but a Party of ours, altho' less in number, coming up, attack'd them, and the Peasans having, by ringing the Alarm-Bells, brought a good number together, the French were overcome, and the greatest Part were either kill'd, or taken Prisoners. That M. Cardonel being recover'd of his Indisposition went that Day to the Camp. 'Tis said that the Governor of Ypres has made a Demand from the People within the District of his Chatelenie of 500 Oxen, 100000 Rations of Hay Oats and Forage, also 3 Sacks of Corn for every Acre of Land of all the Parishes within 7 Miles distance round the City, besides a great Sum of Money from the Procureurs and all Persons that hold Offices from the Crown; That Six 6 Battalions of Reinforcements have lately enter'd the City, and that Stone Causey that goes from thence to Warneton is broken up, and a Dyke is made to overflow the Land all round.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

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At a General Meeting of the Present Subscribers at *Serjeant's-Inn-Hall*, in *Fleet Street*, on *Thursday, August*, the 24th, 1710, Six Trustees where Chosen for the Year Ensuing, to whom Real Security is given for due Performance of Articles as by the Proposals which may be had *Gratis*, at the Office, where may be seen a List of the Trustees.

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